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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers have since examined the reports submitted by the four Task Forces and formulated suitable proposals on various issues including the creation of a Defence Intelligence Agency;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which the proposals are to be formulated and implemented in each of the four areas of intelligence apparatus, internal security, border management and defence management?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted by the Government on 17th April 2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and in particular, to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation had set up four Task Forces one each in the area of Intelligence Apparatus, Internal Security, Border Management and Defence Management.The recommendations of the GoM have since been finalised after taking into account the Report of the Kargil Review Committee, the Reports submitted by the four Task Forces and other relevant materials.Detailed recommendations for reforming the National Security System have been made in the Report of the GoM.